

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 13, 16, and 24 have been amended.

Claims 1-3, 7-12, 16-17, 20-25, and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chandrasekaran in view of Hamada. Applicants respectfully traverse. On September 6, 2006, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney had a telephone interview during which they discussed claim 1. The Examiner stated that if claim 1 were amended to recite a delivered message being stored in the non-persistent storage, claim 1 would be patentable over the cited references, alone and in combination. Claim 1 has been amended accordingly.

Thus, claim 1 (as amended) is patentable over the cited references, both alone and in combination. Independent claims 13, 16, and 24 (as amended) also recite similar features and are also patentable over the cited references, alone and in combination, for at least the foregoing reasons. Additionally, for the record, Applicants traverse the Examiner's assertions regarding the disclosure of Hamada and the motivation to combine Chandrasekaran and Hamada.

Claims 4-6, 13-15, 18-19, and 26-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chandrasekaran in view of Hamada further in view of Stein. Applicants respectfully traverse.

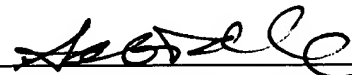
The claims not specifically mentioned above depend from their respective base claims, which were shown to be patentable over Chandrasekaran in view of Hamada. In addition, these claims recite other features not included in their respective base claims. Thus, these claims are patentable over Chandrasekaran in view of Hamada or Chandrasekaran in view of Hamada further in view of Stein, for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the elements that they individually recite.

For the record, Applicants traverse the Examiner's assertions concerning the disclosure of Stein. Applicants also traverse the Examiner's assertions concerning the motivation to combine Chandrasekaran, Hamada, and Stein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now allowable over the cited art of record and request that the Examiner allow this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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